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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 1974

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1. AT INFORMAL MEETING OF PERMREPS ON NOV 26, US CHARGE
MCAULIFFE, DRAWING ON REFTELS INFORMED ALLIES OF US ACTIONS
UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR RESTRUCTURING US CONVENTIONAL
FORCES IN EUROPE (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS).

2. US REP (BG GOWMAN) MADE THE SAME STATEMENT TO DRC
AT NOV 27 MEETING. BEGIN TEXT:
IN RESPONDING TO ALLIED QUERIES ON ACTIONS BEING CONSIDERED
FOR RESTRUCTURING US CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE, MR.
MCAULIFFE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH HE HAS
ASKED ME TO RELATE TO THIS COMMITTEE. I WISH TO STRESS,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS PART OF THE
CONTINUING CONSULTATION PROCESS AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
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-- THE U.S. IS INVOLVED IN AN EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS AND REVIEW
OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING SELECTIVE NONCOMBAT
TO COMBAT CONVERSIONS TO INCLUDE EVALUATING THE IMPLICATIONS
ON MBFR OPTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

-- WHILE SPECIFIC DETAILS FOR COMPLYING WITH THE NUNN AMENDMENT REMAIN TO BE FINALIZED, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE NEITHER AN INCREASE NOR A REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN GERMANY. THE U.S. INTENDS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUPPORT TROOPS OVER A TWO -YEAR PERIOD BY 18,000 AND INCREASE COMBAT FORCES WITH THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO BRIGADES.

-- THE OVERALL EFFECT WILL BE TO BRING U.S. COMBAT FORCES UP TO THE 1966 LEVEL BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF A DIVISION WHICH OCCURRED IN 1967.

-- THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MAY ADDRESS ALL THREE ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT (COMBAT FORCE STRUCTURE, NUCLEAR ASPECTS AND STANDARDIZATION) AT THE DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL.

END TEXT.

3. AFTER THE DRC MEETING, ASYG HUMPHREYS ASKED US REP ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF REFORGER EXERCISES. US REP REPLIED QUOTE: THE MODALITIES FOR DEPLOYING TWO COMBAT BRIGADES TO EUROPE ARE STILL UNDER EXTENSIVE REVIEW. IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE QUESTION OF FUTURE REFORGER EXERCISES WILL BE ADDRESSED UNTIL THE FINAL PLANNING ON DEPLOYING THESE TWO BRIGADES IS COMPLETED. END OF QUOTE.

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